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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Licensed Child Care Providers

FROM: Virginia T. Lodge, Commissioner

DATE: December 4, 2008

SUBJECT: Rulemaking Process Update - Proposed Rules

In June, the Department mailed a copy of the proposed Report Card & Rated Licensing Rules to all licensed child care providers. Public hearings and informational meetings on the proposed rules were held across the State during the month of July. We extend our thanks to the many child care providers who participated in the rulemaking process by offering verbal or written comments on the proposed rules.

We are now in the final stage of the rulemaking process for the proposed Report Card & Rated Licensing Rules. The proposed rules are scheduled to become effective on January 4, 2009. The full text of the proposed rules can be found on the Department's website at http://state.tn.us/humanserv/rules/rr_4.htm.

Enclosed please find a summary of the changes we made to the proposed Report Card & Rated Licensing Rules in response to the comments we received throughout the public hearing process. The information contained in this summary can also be found on our website in an expanded format that includes an overview of each individual report card component area in which changes have occurred: <http://state.tn.us/humanserv/adfam/ccrcsq.htm>.

Beginning January 4, 2009, licensed child care programs will be evaluated based upon these new report card and rated licensing rules. Please note, however, that the Developmental Learning component requirements will be phased in over a period of one year, in order to ensure that providers have an opportunity to participate in the training required to earn stars. Enforcement of the requirement for Professional Development Plans for staff will be phased in, beginning in April 2009.

Please contact your Program Evaluator if you require any additional information.

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Enclosure